

## Press Release

## ACER and ENTSOG upgrade the functionality platform to support the implementation of gas network codes

(Brussels, PR0137-17) From today, the functionality platform, launched by ACER and ENTSOG last year to gather potential issues with the gas network codes, allows more stakeholders to provide feedback on a wider range of topics.

The "Functionality Process for Gas Network Codes" is a process which was set up jointly by ACER and ENTSOG with the support of the European Commission. To facilitate this process, the functionality platform was developed as a web based tool to allow all relevant parties (as defined in the tool's Terms of Use), to participate by addressing their issues, as well as to get involved in the development of proposals of issue solutions.

Jan Ingwersen, ENTSOG General Manager, said "We are now relaunching the Functionality process with a broader scope - and invite our stakeholders to contribute in making the Functionality Platform the place to discuss and develop the gas network codes."

One of the new features of the functionality platform is the posting of an issue by any relevant party, not only by those directly affected. In addition, any issue regarding a network code and guidelines can be reported, not only implementation issues. Issues which have been addressed previously will be reconsidered if a material change can be shown. A preliminary and indicative assessment of costs and benefits of the proposed solution may also be undertaken.

ACER and ENTSOG would like to invite stakeholders to comment on the new scope of the functionality process before the 30 September 2017. Please navigate to a-two question survey using the following <u>link</u>.

The "functionality platform" is available <a href="here">here</a>.

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## **Editorial notes**

- > ENTSOG was founded on 1 December 2009 in line with Regulation (EC) 715/2009. The current number of Members, Associated Partners and Observers can be found at this link.
- In line with Articles 6, 7 and 8 of the Regulation (EC) 715/2009, ENTSOG has the task of formulating network codes in a number of areas and of adopting various communications: a non-binding community-wide Ten-Year Network Development Plan on biennial basis; Winter and Summer Supply Outlooks; common network operation tools; recommendations relating to the coordination of technical cooperation between community and third-country-TSOs; annual work programmes and annual reports.